

Santa Cruz County

Program Year
2010-2011

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION



Arizona
Department of
Education
Adult
Education
Services

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*Adult Education
delivers literacy
services to
out-of-school
adults who are
16 years of age
and older and
who are not
enrolled in
K-12 school.*

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Santa Cruz County Continuing Education and Literacy Volunteers of Santa Cruz County** are the programs certified to provide adult education throughout Santa Cruz County. The Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services allocated \$269,751 to Santa Cruz County for adult education services for the Program Year 2010-2011.



Santa Cruz County Adult Education **DATA**

Santa Cruz County's Adult Education **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 43,200 people living in Santa Cruz County, 68% (29,220) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 29% (8,606) lack a high school credential. 11% (247) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

22% of individuals 18 years and older (6,510) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009

- 280 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 34,293 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$8.00 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$963 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 funding per K-12 student*)
- 84% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 30% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 67% who sought a job found employment
- 62% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 15% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 93 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

Santa Cruz County's Workforce Development System supports the integration of Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the services that they offer to the residents of Santa Cruz County.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services
www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed

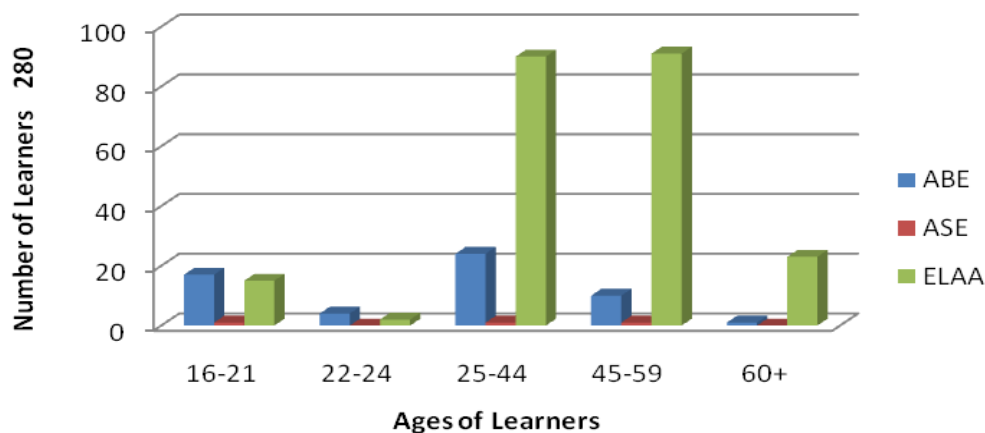
SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in **SANTA CRUZ** County



- 10,642 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Santa Cruz County reported 3,318 public high school (Grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate for grades 7-12 in 2007-2008 of 3%. ADE-AES served 39 people under the age of 25, of whom 85% (33) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 20% of the adults in Santa Cruz County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.
- 41% of adult learners in Santa Cruz County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 34% of adult learners in Santa Cruz County are employed.
- 29% (8,606) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Santa Cruz County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 93 individuals earning a GED® in Santa Cruz County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately \$797,940 per year.

Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math **SIGNIFICANTLY** increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

Santa Cruz County Adult Learners



ABE = **Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.

ASE = **Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.

ELAA = **English Language Acquisition for Adults** Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.